

In the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system comprising:

a recorder, including:

reading means for reading from an information carrier, a content of a medium mark, said content comprising a first bitpattern;

generating means for generating a second bitpattern according to a predefined relationship of with the first bitpattern;

encoder means for embedding a watermark containing representing the second bitpattern in user information to be recorded; and

recording means for recording the watermarked user information on the information carrier for storage;

the system further comprising:

a player including:

first reading means for reading the content of the medium mark, said content comprising the first bitpattern;

second reading means for reading the embedded watermark containing representing the second bitpattern from the user information;

verifying means for establishing a verification of the relationship between the second bit pattern and the first bit pattern; and

enabling means for enabling playback of the recorded watermarked user information from the information carrier based on said verification.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The system of claim 1, in which the relationship includes a cryptographic function.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The system of claim 2, in which the relationship includes a one-way function.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The system of claim 1, in which the second bitpattern identifies the encoder means.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A recorder comprising:

reading means for reading from an information carrier, a content of a medium mark, said content comprising a first bitpattern;

generating means for generating a second bitpattern according to a predefined relationship with the first bitpattern; and

encoder means for embedding a watermark containing representing the second bitpattern in user information to be recorded; and

recording means for recording the watermarked user information in the information carrier for storage.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The recorder of claim 5, in which:

the recorder further comprises marking means for writing the medium mark on the information carrier; and

the generating means generate the first bitpattern from a seed according to a further predefined relationship.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The recorder of claim 6, in which the generating means generate the first bitpattern by combining a first part represented by a prepressed mark on a recordable information carrier and a second part generated from the seed.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The recorder of claim 6, in which the further predefined relationship includes a cryptographic one-way function.

Claim 9 (currently amended): An information carrier comprising:

a medium mark, wherein a content of said medium mark comprises a first bitpattern; and

recorded user information encoded with a watermark containing representing a second bitpattern different from the first bit pattern and having a predefined relationship with the first bitpattern whereby the relationship between the second bitpattern and the content of the first bitpattern can be verified in a computer process.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The information carrier of claim 9, in which the first bitpattern includes:

- a first part identifying a source of the information carrier; and
- a second part identifying the recorded information.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A player for an information carrier comprising:

first reading means for reading a content of a medium mark, said content comprising a first bitpattern;

second reading means for reading an embedded watermark containing representing a second bitpattern from recorded user information;

verifying means for verifying a predefined relationship between the second bitpattern and the first bitpattern; and

enabling means for enabling playback of recorded user information from the information carrier based on said predefined relationship.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The player of claim 11, in which the verifying means includes a cryptographic one-way function.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The player of claim 12, in which:

the verification means generate a verification pattern by applying a one-way function to the first bitpattern; and

the verifying means compare the verification pattern and the second bitpattern in order to verify the predefined relationship.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The system of claim 1, in which:

the relationship includes a one-way function;

the relationship includes a cryptographic function; and

the second bitpattern identifies the encoder means.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The recorder of claim 5, in which:

the recorder further comprises means for reading the first bitpattern from the information carrier;

the first bit pattern indicates a copy protection status of the information carrier;

the relationship includes a cryptographic function;

the relationship includes a one-way function;

the second bitpattern identifies the encoder means;

the recorder further comprises marking means for writing the medium mark on the information carrier;

the generating means generate the first bitpattern from a seed according to a further predefined relationship; and

the generating means are arranged for generating the first bitpattern by combining a first part represented by a prepressed mark on the information carrier and a second part generated from a seed.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The information carrier of claim 9, in which:

the relationship includes a cryptographic function;

the relationship includes a one-way function; and

the second bitpattern identifies encoded user information.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The player of claim 12, in which:

the relationship includes a cryptographic one-way function;

the relationship includes a one-way function; and

the second bitpattern identifies the predefined relationship.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The system of claim 1 in which the medium mark is pressed in the information carrier during manufacture.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The system of claim 1 in which the watermarked user information is stored on the information carrier in a different manner than the medium mark is stored, the user information writing means being insufficient for writing the medium mark on the information carrier.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The system of claim 1, wherein said enabling means comprises an enabling switch.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The player of claim 11, wherein said enabling means comprises an enabling switch.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A system for copy protection of information recorded on an information carrier, the system comprising:

- a medium mark on the information carrier containing a first bitpattern,
- a recorder for embedding a watermark into a set of information data and for recording a watermarked set of information data on the information carrier, the watermark containing ~~representing~~ a second bit pattern having a predefined relationship to the first bitpattern, and
- a player for verifying the relationship between the first bit pattern and the second bit pattern and for reproducing the watermarked set of information from the information carrier.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The system of claim 22, wherein the predefined relationship comprises a cryptographic one-way function.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The system of claim 23, wherein the second bitpattern is generated by applying a one-way function to the first bitpattern.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The system of claim 22, wherein the recorder comprises encoding means for encoding a unique seed on the information carrier allowing the ~~encoder~~ encoding means to be identified from the second bitpattern.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A recorder for recording information on an information carrier containing a medium mark, contents of the medium mark containing ~~representing~~ a first bit pattern, the recorder comprising:

- generator means for generating a second bitpattern according to a predefined relationship between the first bit pattern and the second bitpattern,

encoder means for embedding a watermark in the information, the watermark containing representing the second bitpattern, and

means for recording watermarked information on the information carrier containing the medium mark.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The recorder of claim 26, wherein the recorder further comprises marking means for generating the first bitpattern from a seed according to a further predefined relationship and for providing the medium mark on the information carrier.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The recorder of claim 26, wherein the generator means are arranged for generating the first bitpattern by combining a first part represented by contents of a prepressed mark on a recordable information carrier and a second part generated from a seed.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The recorder of claim 27, wherein the further predefined relationship includes a cryptographic one-way function.

Claim 30 (currently amended): An information carrier comprising:

recorded information, and

a medium mark, contents of the medium mark containing representing a first bitpattern, the recorded information including a watermark containing representing a second bitpattern different from the first bit pattern and having a predefined relationship to the first bitpattern.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The information carrier of claim 30, wherein the first bitpattern includes a first part identifying a source of the information carrier, and a second part identifying the recorded information.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A player for reproducing information from an information carrier and comprising:

means for reading a medium mark from the information carrier, contents of the

medium mark containing ~~representing~~ a first bitpattern,
means for recovering a watermark from information read from the information carrier,
the watermark containing ~~representing~~ a second bitpattern, and
verification means for verifying a predefined relationship between the second
bitpattern and the first bitpattern, and
means for reproducing information containing the watermark from the information
carrier.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The player of claim 32, wherein the verification uses a cryptographic one-way function.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The player of claim 32, wherein the verifications means are arranged for generating a verification pattern by applying a one-way function to the first bitpattern and for comparing the verification pattern and the second bitpattern.

Claim 35 (previously presented): A system for copy protection of information recorded on an information carrier, the system comprising:

a medium mark on the information carrier containing a first bitpattern,
a recorder for embedding a watermark into a set of information data and for recording a watermarked set of information data on the information carrier, the watermark representing a second bit pattern having a predefined relationship to the first bitpattern, and
a player for verifying the relationship between the first bit pattern and the second bit pattern and for reproducing the watermarked set of information from the information carrier, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The player of claim 32 wherein reproduction of information by the player is dependent upon the predetermined relationship as verified by the verification means.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The recorder of claim 26 further comprising further

encoding means for cryptographically scrambling the watermarked information using the first bit pattern before the watermarked information is recorded so that recorded information is scrambled.

Claim 38 (previously presented): A system for copy protection of information recorded on an information carrier, the system comprising:

- a medium mark on the information carrier containing a first bitpattern,
- a recorder for embedding a watermark into a set of information data and for recording a watermarked set of information data on the information carrier, the watermark representing a second bit pattern having a predefined relationship to the first bitpattern, and
- a player for verifying the relationship between the first bit pattern and the second bit pattern and for reproducing the watermarked set of information from the information carrier, wherein the first bit pattern is a cryptographic key for de-scrambling recorded information to recover the watermarked information, and the second bit pattern is recovered from the watermark of the watermarked information.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The recorder of claim 26, wherein the recorder further comprises means for reading the medium mark from the information carrier.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The recorder of claim 26 wherein the recorder manufactures a disk by pressing.

Claim 41 (currently amended): A recorder for recording information on a record carrier, comprising:

- means for reading a medium mark from the record carrier, contents of the medium mark containing ~~representing~~ a first bitpattern;
- means for determining whether the information contains a watermark containing ~~representing~~ a second bitpattern that has a predetermined relationship with the first bit pattern; and
- means for recording information dependent upon result of the means for determining.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The player of claim 41 wherein the means for determining further identifies a verification pattern by applying a one-way function to the first bitpattern and comparing the verification pattern and the second bitpattern.

Claim 43 (previously presented): A system comprising:

- a recorder, including:

- reading means for reading from an information carrier, a content of a medium mark, said content comprising a first bitpattern, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern;

- generating means for generating a second bitpattern according to a predefined relationship of with the first bitpattern;

- encoder means for embedding a watermark representing the second bitpattern in user information to be recorded; and

- recording means for recording the watermarked user information on the information carrier for storage;

- the system further comprising:

- a player including:

- first reading means for reading the content of the medium mark, said content comprising the first bitpattern;

- second reading means for reading the embedded watermark representing the second bitpattern from the user information;

- verifying means for establishing a verification of the relationship between the second bit pattern and the first bit pattern; and

- enabling means for enabling playback of the recorded watermarked user information from the information carrier based on said verification.

Claim 44 (previously presented): A system comprising:

- a recorder, including:

- reading means for reading from an information carrier, a content of a medium mark, said content comprising a first bitpattern;

- generating means for generating a second bitpattern according to a predefined

relationship of with the first bitpattern;

encoder means for embedding a watermark representing the second bitpattern in user information to be recorded, wherein the first bit pattern is a cryptographic key for de-scrambling recorded information to recover the watermarked information, and the second bit pattern is recovered from the watermark of the watermarked information; and

recording means for recording the watermarked user information on the information carrier for storage;

the system further comprising:

a player including:

first reading means for reading the content of the medium mark, said content comprising the first bitpattern;

second reading means for reading the embedded watermark representing the second bitpattern from the user information;

verifying means for establishing a verification of the relationship between the second bit pattern and the first bit pattern; and

enabling means for enabling playback of the recorded watermarked user information from the information carrier based on said verification.

Claim 45 (previously presented): A recorder comprising:

reading means for reading from an information carrier, a content of a medium mark, said content comprising a first bitpattern, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern;

generating means for generating a second bitpattern according to a predefined relationship with the first bitpattern; and

encoder means for embedding a watermark representing the second bitpattern in user information to be recorded; and

recording means for recording the watermarked user information in the information carrier for storage.

Claim 46 (previously presented): A recorder comprising:

reading means for reading from an information carrier, a content of a medium mark,

said content comprising a first bitpattern;

generating means for generating a second bitpattern according to a predefined relationship with the first bitpattern; and

encoder means for embedding a watermark representing the second bitpattern in user information to be recorded; and

recording means for recording the watermarked user information in the information carrier for storage, wherein the first bit pattern is a cryptographic key for de-scrambling recorded information to recover the watermarked information, and the second bit pattern is recovered from the watermark of the watermarked information.

Claim 47 (previously presented): An information carrier comprising:

a medium mark, wherein a content of said medium mark comprises a first bitpattern, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern; and

recorded user information encoded with a watermark representing a second bitpattern having a predefined relationship with the first bitpattern whereby the relationship between the second bitpattern and the content of the first bitpattern can be verified in a computer process.

Claim 48 (currently amended): An information carrier comprising:

a medium mark, wherein a content of said medium mark comprises a first bitpattern; and

recorded user information encoded with a watermark containing representing a second bitpattern different from the first bit pattern and having a predefined relationship with the first bitpattern whereby the relationship between the second bitpattern and the content of the first bitpattern can be verified in a computer process, wherein the first bit pattern is a cryptographic key for de-scrambling recorded information to recover the watermarked information, and the second bit pattern is recovered from the watermark of the watermarked information.

Claim 49 (previously presented): A player for an information carrier comprising:

first reading means for reading a content of a medium mark, said content comprising

a first bitpattern, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern;

second reading means for reading an embedded watermark representing a second bitpattern from recorded user information;

verifying means for verifying a predefined relationship between the second bitpattern and the first bitpattern; and

enabling means for enabling playback of recorded user information from the information carrier based on said predefined relationship.

Claim 50 (previously presented): A player for an information carrier comprising:

first reading means for reading a content of a medium mark, said content comprising a first bitpattern;

second reading means for reading an embedded watermark representing a second bitpattern from recorded user information, wherein the first bit pattern is a cryptographic key for de-scrambling recorded information to recover watermarked information, and the second bit pattern is recovered from the watermark of watermarked information;

verifying means for verifying a predefined relationship between the second bitpattern and the first bitpattern; and

enabling means for enabling playback of recorded user information from the information carrier based on said predefined relationship.

Claim 51 (previously presented): A recorder for recording information on an information carrier containing a medium mark, contents of the medium mark representing a first bit pattern, the recorder comprising:

generator means for generating a second bitpattern according to a predefined relationship between the first bit pattern and the second bitpattern,

encoder means for embedding a watermark in the information, the watermark representing the second bitpattern, and

means for recording watermarked information on the information carrier containing the medium mark, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 52 (previously presented): A recorder for recording information on an information carrier containing a medium mark, contents of the medium mark representing a first bit pattern, the recorder comprising:

generator means for generating a second bitpattern according to a predefined relationship between the first bit pattern and the second bitpattern,

encoder means for embedding a watermark in the information, the watermark representing the second bitpattern, and

means for recording watermarked information on the information carrier containing the medium mark, wherein the first bit pattern is a cryptographic key for de-scrambling recorded information to recover watermarked information, and the second bit pattern is recovered from the watermark of watermarked information.

Claim 53 (currently amended): A recorder for recording information on an information carrier containing a medium mark, contents of the medium mark representing a first bit pattern, the recorder comprising:

generator means for generating a second bitpattern according to a predefined relationship between the first bit pattern and the second bitpattern,

encoder means for embedding a watermark in the information carrier, the watermark representing the second bitpattern, and

means for recording watermarked information on the information carrier containing the medium mark, wherein the first bit pattern is a cryptographic key for de-scrambling recorded information to recover watermarked information, and the second bit pattern is recovered from the watermark of watermarked information.

Claim 54 (previously presented): An information carrier comprising:

recorded information, and

a medium mark, contents of the medium mark representing a first bitpattern, the recorded information including a watermark representing a second bitpattern having a predefined relationship to the first bitpattern, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 55 (currently amended): An information carrier comprising:

recorded information, and

a medium mark, contents of the medium mark containing ~~representing~~ a first bitpattern, the recorded information including a watermark containing ~~representing~~ a second bitpattern different from the first bit pattern and having a predefined relationship to the first bitpattern, wherein the first bit pattern is a cryptographic key for de-scrambling recorded information to recover watermarked information, and the second bit pattern is recovered from the watermark of watermarked information.

Claim 56 (previously presented): A player for reproducing information from an information carrier and comprising:

means for reading a medium mark from the information carrier, contents of the medium mark representing a first bitpattern, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern,

means for recovering a watermark from information read from the information carrier, the watermark representing a second bitpattern, and

verification means for verifying a predefined relationship between the second bitpattern and the first bitpattern, and

means for reproducing information containing the watermark from the information carrier.

Claim 57 (previously presented): A player for reproducing information from an information carrier and comprising:

means for reading a medium mark from the information carrier, contents of the medium mark representing a first bitpattern,

means for recovering a watermark from information read from the information carrier, the watermark representing a second bitpattern, and

verification means for verifying a predefined relationship between the second bitpattern and the first bitpattern, and

means for reproducing information containing the watermark from the information

carrier, wherein the first bit pattern is a cryptographic key for de-scrambling recorded information to recover watermarked information, and the second bit pattern is recovered from the watermark of watermarked information.

Claim 58 (new): The system of claim 1, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 59 (new): The recorder of claim 5, in which the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 60 (new): The information carrier of claim 9, in which the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 61 (new): The player of claim 11, in which the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 62 (new): The system of claim 22, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 63 (new): The recorder of claim 26, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 64 (new): The information carrier of claim 30, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 65 (new): The player of claim 32, wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 66 (new): The player of claim 41 wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 67 (new): The information carrier of claim 48 wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.

Claim 68 (new): The information carrier of claim 55 wherein the medium mark is contained in a wobble of a track of the information carrier, the wobble representing the first bit pattern.